

OUR TOWN

THE SPECTATOR

Church-Going in Narberth Said To Show Steady Increase

Checking up here and there in the Borough, over the phone to friends with whom one could be personal in an impersonal way (but only because a good reason came up for doing so), there seems to be little doubt that more Narberth residents are going to church in a rather regular manner than has been the case since the war ended.

Some of those who had resumed the practice wanted to talk at some length as to why they did, but in most such cases there did not appear to be any particular realization of anything more than a mere formalism. Others, more basically informed, were intelligible in their new convictions.

Several stressed the manner in which the Narberth Presbyterian Church had gained in membership and said that a larger edifice was a matter of immediate importance. The impressive things reported of the Calvinist pastor and his excellent capabilities made this reporter wonder why the pleasure of meeting him has been so long delayed and it is hoped the reverend gentleman will soon be crossing this path.

From what was heard, all the local churches are aware of the increased interest and it might be worth-while if Mr. Gallup would poll the nation to determine how many adults have resumed their church-going, perhaps, in large measure, to gain a clearer perspective of what it is that ails the world and to learn what can be done, by spiritual means, to rescue a harassed humanity from its present chaos. And.

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Republicans Lead Democrats 10-1 In Registrations

Report Shows 21,433 in Lower Merion, 3041 in Narberth

Republicans in Lower Merion Township and Narberth Borough outnumber the Democrats more than ten to one, according to registration figures released this week by the Montgomery County Registration Commission.

County-wide, the GOP lead is approximately four-and-a-half to one. In Lower Merion, there are 3041 Republicans, 336 Democrats and 86 non-partisans on the registration lists, for a total of 3463.

Those voters registered as non-partisans or as members of minority parties which have no ballot entered in the Primary Election cannot vote at the Primary, to be held April 27, but are, of course, permitted to vote at the General Election in November.

South Ardmore No. 3 leads Lower Merion's 19 voting districts with a high of 1957 registered voters, including 1783 Republicans, 141 Democrats, 32 non-partisans and one Socialist.

Running a close second is the General Wayne District whose 1910 voters are enrolled as follows: 1730 Republicans, 129 Democrats and 51 non-partisans.

Districts with the highest numbers of registered Democrats are West Bryn Mawr, 276; Merion No. 1, 181; and West Ardmore, 174.

In Narberth, the second district leads in the number of registered voters with 1676, including 1473 Republicans, 145 Democrats and 58 non-partisans.

The first district shows 963 Republicans, 108 Democrats and 13 non-partisans; while 605 Republicans, 83 Democrats and 15 non-partisans are registered in the third district.

The 140,074 registered voters in the county include 112,708 Republicans, 24,683 Democrats, 2615 non-partisans; 55 Socialists; 13 Prohibitionists.

Veterans Forming New V. F. W. Post

A new Veterans of Foreign Wars Post is being formed in Lower Merion Township, it was disclosed this week. The new post, to be known as the Bala-Cynwyd-Merion V.F.W. Post, will be open to all eligible veterans.

Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, and headquarters will be in the Union Fire Hall, 139 Montgomery Ave., Bala-Cynwyd.

Daniel L. Hickey, of 36 Chestnut Ave., Bala-Cynwyd, is serving as temporary chairman until the election and installation of officers, and "all veterans wishing to become associated with the new group are asked to turn their applications in to him."

According to a spokesman for the group, the new post is planning a program that will "promote the welfare of the community and give the organization a standing among civic groups of Bala-Cynwyd and Merion that is in keeping with the high ideals of the V.F.W."

A series of preliminary meetings of overseas veterans of World Wars 1 and 2 were held during January and February to formulate plans for the organization of the new group, and by March, 30 veterans had signed the Charter which has since been approved by the County Council Commander and forwarded to State and National Headquarters.

The meetings were held in the Kirsch Chevrolet Company offices, 214 Bala Ave., Cynwyd, under the leadership of Hickey.

HELP BUILD A GREATER BRYN MAWR HOSPITAL

M.L. Orchestra Plans Concert

Friday in B-C High; Sunday at Radnor High

The Main Line Community Orchestra will present a concert in the Bala-Cynwyd Junior High School at 8:30 P. M. Friday, with Albert Brusilow, violinist from the Philadelphia Music Academy, as guest artist. The concert will be repeated in Radnor High School Sunday evening.

An interesting feature of both concerts will be the appearance of two of the musicians whose compositions appear on the program. They are Ann Wyeth, whose "Requiem for Orchestra" was written in memory of her father, the noted artist, N. C. Wyeth, and Louis Gensway, who has written "Five Russian Pieces," all based on Russian folk-songs. He is a member of the first violin section of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Arthur Brusilow will play "Concerto for Violin and Orchestra," by Beethoven. Other numbers on the program will include "Toccata," by Frescobaldi; Suite in E Flat," by Gustav Holst, and "L'Arlesienne Suite," by Bizet.

Director of the orchestra, which, in the course of a few years has grown from a small string ensemble to a full-fledged orchestra, is Arthur Bennett Lipkin, first violinist for the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Rotarians Plan to Attend Meeting

Twenty-five Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club members and their wives have arranged to attend the 1948 Annual Conference of the 179th District Rotary International, to be held April 17 through 19 in Chalfont-Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, N. J.

Arrangements for the local club are being made by Stanley King, William S. Howard and F. E. Caballero, chairman. Among those who will attend are the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Adelizzi, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Davis, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Caballero, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Decker, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Denman, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Dunne and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Durrbin, Mr. and Mrs. Richard McGillis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Hobson, Mr. William S. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. B. Humes, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey C. Keim, Dr. and Mrs. Richard G. Meares, Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Metzger, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace R. Smiles, Mr. Stanley King, Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. W. Vick, Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Shimer, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Slaw.

Cynwyd Man Backs Boom for MacArthur

Harry E. Johnson, of Llanberis and Cynwd Rds., Cynwyd, will be an associate of the Pennsylvania headquarters for the MacArthur fund, the President Club, it was announced last week.

Narberth Leads Red Cross in Contributions Reaches 83 Pct. of Goal; Main Line 75 Pct.

Methodist Youth Conference To Be Held Here

Local Church Will Be Host to 400 at Three Day Session This Week

The Annual Methodist Youth Conference will meet this week at the Narberth Methodist Church from Friday to Sunday. Four hundred young people representing more than three hundred Methodist Churches in the southeastern part of Pennsylvania have been enrolled as delegates to the Conference.

Dr. Chester W. Quimby, professor of English Bible at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, will be the key Conference speaker, addressing the group five times during the weekend. The Rev. Ivey J. Shuff, of the Department of Young Peoples' Work of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, will present the message Saturday evening and will also lead a number of discussion groups. Other discussion groups will be led by ministers of the Philadelphia Conference.

The delegates will attend the morning worship service of the church at 11 A. M., Sunday, at which time Dr. Quimby will preach the sermon. The Conference will close with the Sacrament of Holy Communion, which will be administered Sunday afternoon, by the Rev. Harold D. Flood, church pastor.

Assisting the Methodist Church in plans for the conference are the Narberth Presbyterian Church, the Baptist Church of the Evangel, of Narberth, the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Narberth, the Ardmore Methodist Church, the Bala-Cynwyd Methodist Church and the Gladwyne Methodist Church.

Members of the delegations will arrive in Narberth Friday afternoon, and will be assigned to homes in the Narberth area.

The Conference is being sponsored by the Philadelphia Conference Board of Christian Education and is under the chairmanship of Miss Elizabeth D. Eggleston, Executive Secretary of the Board. The program has been arranged and planned by the young people's groups. Mrs. Henry A. Frye is Chairman of the local committee in charge of arrangements.

Buyer's Market Here, Club Told

The day of the buyer's market has arrived, according to Harry Boyd Brown, guest speaker Tuesday afternoon at the meeting of the Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club.

Manager for the Philco Corporation, who is now president of Good House Stores, Inc., and the V. I. S. Company, told his audience they were living in a high-speed age, which required great flexibility of timing. His speech was titled "Salesmanship."

Because the ascendancy of the seller's market is rapidly disappearing, Brown said that advertising is once more of paramount importance to the manufacturer and businessman. Many plants are beginning to show an increased interest in a sales promotion campaign, he added.

"Your advertising should be plain and simple," he warned. "Tell your story easily and naturally, in order to get the best results. And remember that once more the public can afford to be discriminating!"

Brown also remarked on the increased influence of women in the world of business. He was introduced by James Carroll, a member of the vocational service committee.

The program next week will be in charge of Dr. F. M. Purse, chairman of the community service committee.

A's Farm Clubs Hire Ball Players

Two local baseball players have been signed up to play with farm clubs of the Philadelphia Athletics during 1948, it was announced this week by Arthur H. Ehlers, head of the A's farm system.

They are Harry M. Blair, of 12 Bala Ave., Bala-Cynwyd, and C. Harry Desert, of 873 Penn St., Bryn Mawr, both of whom attended Lower Merion High School.

Blair, 23-year-old southpaw pitcher, formerly with the West Manayunk Club, Main Line League, is assigned to the Lexington Baseball Club, Lexington State League, in Lexington, N. C. He left for the south Tuesday.

Survey Results Made Known by Parents' Group

Bala Council Releases Figures on Eve of Announcement

The Bala Parents' Council this week released results of a survey which infer that the majority of 30 parents questioned approve the conduct of Principal Robert W. Means, under fire by other groups for alleged unfair actions.

There are 150 parents of Bala School pupils.

The results were given to James M. Henderson and the public relations committee of the school board, currently conducting a survey into disciplinary conditions in the township schools, with the comment: "The Parents' Council did not wish to embarrass the school board by publishing the results of the survey before any decision had been reached by the board, but it felt that a great injustice had been done the principal by the publication of statements recently made by some parents at school board meetings, and for this reason has decided to make known the results of its survey immediately."

The Parents' Council earlier this year released a letter, to the board and to the press, commending Means for his conduct of school affairs.

The results of the survey were presented to the committee by Dr. Malcolm G. Preston, of the department of psychology of the University of Pennsylvania, under whose direction the work was done.

Six members of the Council, headed by Mrs. William A. Shannon and including Mrs. Leopold Mamolen, Mrs. Joseph Widling, Mrs. M. G. Preston, Mrs. Paul Olsen and Mrs. Philip Fox, participated in a short training course, after which they interviewed one out of every six names on the list of Bala parents, amounting to twenty percent of the total.

The names were chosen alphabetically. Preston said the group decided beforehand to eliminate the names of the parents making charges against Means, on the grounds that they were already committed to an opinion. In such a case, he said, the interviewer would go on to the next name on the list.

According to the statement released to the press, "The parents interviewed report great familiarity

Narberth Nurseries Sued for \$75,000

A suit seeking \$75,000 damages was filed in Montgomery County Court, on Tuesday, against the John Albrecht nurseries, Narberth, by Mrs. Mathilde E. McNally and her husband, Arthur F., of the Wynnewood Plaza Apartments, Wynnewood, for injuries suffered by Mrs. McNally when she was struck by a truck of the defendant firm last July 17.

Mrs. McNally asks for \$50,000 damages, while her husband seeks \$25,000. According to the papers, Mrs. McNally was crossing Lancaster Ave., at Cricket Ave., Ardmore, when she was struck by an Albrecht truck.

Ban on Attorneys Upheld by Court

The right of Philadelphia lawyers to practice in Montgomery County was denied by the County Court in a test case ruling last Thursday.

President Judge Harold G. Knight rejected a petition for an order of mandamus sought by Wendell B. Stewart, of 20 Radcliffe Rd., Bala-Cynwyd, to compel Prothonotary Earl B. Bechtel to list Stewart as counsel in an action filed last January.

Knight held that the fact that Stewart has been admitted to practice by the State Supreme Court and is a member of the Philadelphia bar does not entitle him to practice in Montgomery County. "The suit is aimed at what Philadelphia attorneys have called the 'closed shop' system maintained in Montgomery County, under which only lawyers whose principal office is in the county are admitted to the county bar."

In ruling on Stewart's case, Judge Knight said that the rule of the court require that all attorneys desiring to practice in Montgomery County declare their intention to maintain their principal offices there, be approved by the county law examiners and be admitted to the bar in open court. "Stewart made no attack on any of our rules, nor does he contend that any of them are unreasonable," Knight said. "He simply ignores them as void and invalid as far as he is concerned."

Entertained New Members



The Women's Community Club of Narberth entertained its new members at a tea last Tuesday. Sponsoring the tea was the membership committee, which is pictured on the steps of the Community Building. Front row, Mrs. A. C. Jones, Chairman; Mrs. Ellsworth Clark, President; Mrs. Leslie Moson; second row, Mrs. C. Arley Farmer, Mrs. F. M. Floyd, Mrs. J. B. Erickson; third row, Mrs. John Wright, Mrs. Chester McKibben, Mrs. Robert Price; fourth row, Mrs. H. A. Frye, Mrs. Ben Murz, Mrs. Henry F. Deaver, Mrs. W. R. Knauer, Mrs. H. H. Hopkins; fifth row, Mrs. Charles E. Harnden, Mrs. J. B. Taylor and Mrs. Clarence Telet. —Staff Photo.

LM Winter Sports Letters Awarded

Letters for Lower Merion Senior High School winter sports were awarded in Downs Gymnasium March 30 to the following students:

Boys' basketball: Tom Davis and Len Shepherd, co-captains; Jim Marsten, Nick Cappelli, Jim Barr, Bob Flick, Ralph Blessing, John Slomp, Bob Walter, Joe Callahan, Bob Di Marco and Chris Simpson, manager.

Girls' basketball: Cynnie McKelvey, captain; Bunny Skillern, Helen Albee, Peggy Smythe, Barbara Heaney, Mittie Jennings, Ginny Merritt, Grace Griffith, Jean Kendall, Betsy Foulke, Melissa Mueller and Carolyn Meers, manager.

Cheer leaders: Sally Tompkins, captain; Tom Brower, Mary Jane Cox, Jeannette Freese, Nancy Murphy, Loretta McGraw, Barbara Freney, Jean Thomas, Scott McCracken, Gwen Whitney and Betty Mae Johnson.

Wrestling: Dick Gordon, John Baffa, Harry Graham, Bob David, Tom Brown, Hal Lampe, Joe Di Candillo, Bill Galluho, Joe Spinelli, Mickie Alsenstein, Ted Frazer, John Sullivan, George Ellis, Scott McCracken, Walter Shaw, John Carrasani and Sam Balaitz, manager.

Rifle team: Andy Harvey, Robert McNally, Francis McPherson, Joe Bissell, Ray Onholt, Jim Webb, Shawn Disney and Clinton Bird, manager.

Nurserymen's Association Meet in Narberth

A dinner meeting of the Pennsylvania Nurserymen's Association was held at the Wynnewood House last Thursday.

The group was addressed by Don Mecca of the Schuylkill Chemical Company, who was introduced by the chairman, Al Vick, of Vick's Wildgardens in Narberth.

The program included a discussion of current conditions and suggestions for improving customer relationship were given consideration.

Guests included J. J. Whittier, George Lewis, John Blizanka, Eugene Miller, Anton Booth, Owen Booth, Owen Schmitt, Frank D. Moore, William Long, Robert Hood, Albert Meehan, Fritz Hanson and Thomas Meehan.

Hospital Fund Group Sets Goal of \$120 Per Person

A goal of at least \$120 for families and individuals along the Main Line has been accepted by volunteer workers in the public campaign phase of the Bryn Mawr Hospital's drive to raise \$2,500,000 for its building fund.

A six-payment plan by which pledges may be paid over a period extending into three tax years is a basic part of the campaign method.

Playhouse Members in Radio Play Saturday

The Experimental Theatre and ATA are sponsoring a series of radio plays over WIP by Little Theatre groups in the Philadelphia area. Saturday night the Main Line Playhouse took over.

Robert H. Teter, of Wynnewood, directed the play, "Corpus Delicti," and the following playhouse members were included in the cast:

Paul D. Goodyear, of Merion; Philip Bentz, of Philadelphia; John Meagher, of Ardmore; Nancy Simpson, of Narberth; Mrs. Daniel J. Evans, of Ardmore, and William Watson, of Ardmore.

Narberth Couple Hurt in Crash

Mrs. Harry A. Simpson, of 205 Avon Rd., Narberth, was seriously injured and her husband suffered shock Saturday night when an automobile crashed head on into their car in Hyattsville, Md.

The second car, whose driver has since been arrested on a drunken driver charge, swerved over two traffic lanes into the path of the Simpson vehicle.

Mrs. Simpson is in Leland Memorial Hospital, Riverdale, Md., with fractured pelvis, dislocated femur and lacerations of the face. Simpson was discharged from the hospital on Monday.

The Simpsons, with their daughter Jean, were returning from Washington following a visit with another daughter, Mrs. George Richardson. Jean was uninjured.

Simpson, who was driving the car at the time of the collision, is associated with the Girard Trust Company. He is a deacon of the Narberth Presbyterian Church and a member of the Harold D. Speakman Post of the American Legion. Mrs. Simpson is a member of the Women's Guild of the Narberth Presbyterian Church.

LOCAL MEN ELECTED

A. L. Shimer, of Cynwyd, was recently elected second vice-president of the Montgomery County Pharmaceutical Association. L. M. Burton, of Ardmore, was named secretary; and H. J. McHugh, of Wynnewood, and A. L. Jacobs, of Bryn Mawr, were elected to the Board of Governors.

Foster Parent Of French Boy

Florence K. Chester, of 504 Berkeley rd., Narberth, this week adopted Yves Le Poder, 13½-year-old French boy, through the Foster Parents Plan for Children, an organization with headquarters at 55 West 42nd st., New York City.

Yves, the second of four fatherless children, is one of the "old Young" men left in the wake of the war. His father was a member of the Resistance Movement from the time France fell, in June, 1940, until he was interned at Fresnes on February 3, 1942. In the Movement with the rank of Lieutenant, he did the work of an espionage agent, reporting the positions of German troops to the Allies. On September 12, 1944, he died at Manthausen, Germany, leaving Mrs. Le Poder to care for the four children alone.

The oldest child was ten at the time. Cold, hunger and terror became everyday realities as she struggled to keep her little brood together in a country torn by war and internal dissension. The terrible winter of 1944-45 took its toll of the entire family, and finally with all of the family ill, Mrs. Le Poder took to her bed. She is only now beginning to regain her health.

Finally, when the little help her family was able to give her proved inadequate, Mrs. Le Poder turned to the Foster Plan for help. This was late in the summer of 1947. But this year Yves' former Foster Parent was unable to go on with the aid, and last week his name was assigned to the Narberth Good Samaritan.

Yves will need help for some time. One day he was a little boy; the next, he was forced into the position of assuming a grown-up's responsibility. Through the money and attention of his Foster Parent, he may even learn to smile and laugh again.

Bala Cynwyd Firemen Fight Garage Roof Fire

Firemen from the Union Fire Company of Bala-Cynwyd fought flames in the roof of a garage in back of a Cynwyd home for over an hour Sunday morning. Damage was estimated at between \$500 and \$1,000.

The fire was discovered at 11:30 A. M. by the owner, Herbert T. Ferree, who was working on the back lawn of his home at 38 Derwen Rd., Cynwyd. The flames destroyed three-quarters of the garage roof and partially burned the joists. Screens, awnings, storm windows and summer furniture stored on the second floor, were damaged by the smoke and water.

According to firemen, the blaze started when sparks from a nearby pile of burning rubbish ignited the roof of the two-story, three-car garage.

DIVORCE SUIT FILED

Suit for divorce was filed in Norristown last week by Charles H. Hart, Jr., of Wynnewood, against Cornelia Hart, claiming indignities.

District Praised For Fine Set-Up In Fund Campaign

Had 1020 Contributors; 14% of Entire Main Line's 26 Districts

Narberth has turned in 83.3 per cent of its goal in the current Red Cross Fund Drive, whereas the Main Line Branch as a whole has collected only 75 per cent, it was disclosed this week when Mrs. Siter Owen, chairman, announced branch returns. The drive closes officially this week.

Mrs. Owen commended the Narberth district for its fine organization setup, and cited its colonel, Mrs. G. O. Fletcher, for her outstanding leadership.

"The Narberth workers have achieved the largest number of contributors in any of our districts," Mrs. Owen said. "The 1020 borough contributors represent about 14 per cent of the total number from the Main Line's 26 districts."

Working under Mrs. Fletcher are Mrs. Frank Denny, Mrs. Crosby Redman, Mrs. Robert Sigel and Mrs. Edward Smith, majors. Others include 29 captains and more than 150 workers.

As of Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Julius T. Little's Pencoyd district was the only one of the Main Line's 26 districts to go over its quota, having collected \$491 or 109 per cent of its \$450 goal.

Runner-up is the South Haverford district under Mrs. Walter K. Hardt, with 96 percent of \$8500 (\$8239). In third place is Mrs. Herbert H. Fritz, North Bryn Mawr, with 92.4 per cent of \$8600 (\$7948.50).

Fourth and fifth places go respectively to Mrs. Robert Coleman, South Ardmore District No. 1, with 88.5 per cent of \$1800 (\$1585.25); and Mrs. Osborne R. Roberts, South Wynnewood, with 88.3 per cent of \$4000 (\$3533.30).

Mrs. Stanley Clader, South Bryn Mawr, was next with 85.7 per cent of \$2200 (\$1885.50); while Mrs. Joseph B. McCall's Wynnewood Park District turned in 84.2 per cent of \$600 (\$505.50); Mrs. G. O. Fletcher, Narberth, 83.3 per cent of \$4800 (\$4000); and Mrs. Harriet H. Ramsey, Bala-Cynwyd, 80.5 per cent of \$14500 (\$11676.55).

Districts collecting between 70 and 80 per cent of their quotas included Mrs. Jessie T. Nicholson's South Haverford Section No. 1, with 77.4 per cent of \$3400 (\$2633.05); Mrs. William D. Watson, Jr., North Haverford, 76 per cent of \$18,000 (\$13,696.75).

Also Mrs. Brook Semple, South-east Wynnewood, with 74.2 per cent of \$8500 (\$6307.25); special groups with 73.5 per cent of \$2000 (\$1470.29); Mrs. Alfred Geary, Villanova and South Bryn Mawr, 73 per cent of \$7500 (\$5485.75).

Districts running between 60 and 70 per cent are Mrs. Ralph Still's North Merion District with 67.5 per cent of \$7500 (\$5067.35); Mrs. William R. Rymer, Ithan, 66.5 per cent of \$4500 (\$2991.25); Mrs. Carl L. Miller, Penn Valley, 65.3 per cent of \$6600 (\$4312.50); and Mrs. Walter Baker, Northwest Wynne (Continued on Page Three.)

L. M. Boy Second In Sports Event

A 15-year-old member of the Lower Merion Rod and Gun Club had the distinction last week of winning high honors in the first annual Allentown Sports and Hobby Show, held at the Allentown Armory for four days closing Sunday.

George Nass, of 100 Overbrook Parkway, Overbrook Hills, a student at Lower Merion High School, placed second among novices from 21 clubs in a plug-casting contest sponsored by the Middle Atlantic Association of Casting Clubs. Young Nass had a score of 89 out of a possible 100 and was beaten by an Allentown man with a score of 90.

Another member of the Lower Merion organization who placed high in the same event was Bobby Lawrence, also a Lower Merion High student, of 413 Parkway Drive, Wynnewood.

Both boys were prizewinners in the recent Philadelphia Motorboat and Sportsman's Show.

OUR TOWN IS ON SALE EACH WEEK AT THE FOLLOWING STORES:

Davis Store, 224 Haverford Ave., Narberth.
Granite Drug Store, Montgomery Ave., Narberth.
Narberth News, 238 Haverford Ave., Narberth.
Trainer's, 238 Woodbine Ave., Narberth.

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